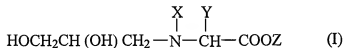


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic composition comprising 0.05 to 20% by weight of an amino acid N-glyceryl derivative of the following formula (I) or salt thereof :



wherein X is a hydrogen atom; Y is a side chain of a basic or neutral  $\alpha$ -amino acid; and Z is a hydrogen atom, alkali metal, ammonium group, organic ammonium group or -CH<sub>2</sub>CH(OH)CH<sub>2</sub>OH group; and formulation components for a cosmetic selected from the group consisting of lotions, milky lotions, creams and face masks; make-up cosmetics, body cosmetics, shampoos, hair rinses, hair conditioners, hair creams, hair dyes, hair colors, pre-treatment agents for hair dyeing, post-treatment agents for hair dyeing, and coating agents for split hair a-cosmetic formulation component.

2. (Previously presented) The cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein the content of the amino acid N-glyceryl derivative of formula (I) or salt thereof is 0.1 to 10% by weight.

3. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the amino acid N-glyceryl derivative of formula (I) or salt thereof is a glyceryl derivative of a basic amino acid or salt thereof.

4. – 5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic according to claim 2, wherein Y is a side chain of an  $\alpha$ -amino acid selected from the group consisting of glycine, alanine, valine, leucine, isoleucine, serine, threonine, phenylalanine, tyrosine, tryptophan, sarcosine, N-methylalanine,  $\alpha$ -

aminobutyric acid, cystine, methionine, cysteine, proline, hydroxyproline, lysine, hydroxylysine, arginine, histidine, and ornithine.

7. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic according to claim 2, wherein Z is an organic ammonium group of the formula  $-NR_4^+$ , wherein R is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, methyl group, ethyl group, hydroxymethyl group, hydroxyethyl group, 2-methyl-1, 3-propanediol-2yl group and 2-methyl-1-propanolamine-2yl group, wherein at least one R group is not a hydrogen atom.

8. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic according to claim 6, wherein Z is an organic ammonium group of the formula  $-NR_4^+$ , wherein R is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, methyl group, ethyl group, hydroxymethyl group, hydroxyethyl group, 2-methyl-1, 3-propanediol-2yl group and 2-methyl-1-propanolamine-2yl group, wherein at least one R group is not a hydrogen atom.

9. – 10. (Cancelled)